

GOD IS TRUE

2 Cor.1:13-22

Paul's response to innuendos and accusations:

1. Answered
2. Stuck with decisions

2 Cor 1:13 Don't try to read between lines or look for hidden meanings

I trust ye shall acknowledge... my desire that you become fully acquainted

...to the end: When all facts laid on table.

2 Cor 1:14 ... *acknowledged us in part*, partially shown discernment toward us ... *we are your rejoicing....* you come to see us as we really are .. you proud of us just as we of you

...in the day of the Lord Jesus When Lord Jesus comes as Judge and reveals very secrets of men's hearts

2 Cor 1:15 *And in this confidence* ... I was confident of our trust for each other.

...second benefit; receive double blessing because of seeing me twice.

2 Cor 1:16 ... *to pass by you into Macedonia*, visit you on way to Macedonia, and on way back

... be brought on my way toward Judaea. Have you send me forward to Judaea. Under impression that people loved, appreciated and trusted him

2 Cor 1:17 *Lightness:* levity, fickleness, instability, inconsistency, erratic, unpredictable, frivolous.

or the things that I purpose... Do I make plans according to dictates of sinful nature, flesh? So much so that I say, Yes, Yes while meaning No, no.

When make plans ...do it like worldly, carnal man?

...yea yea, and nay nay? Worldly people don't put weight on words.

To God, if you said it , you're bound to it.

Mat 5:37; Ja. 5:12 Your word as good as bond

Milton: *Our mere word should be as utterly trustworthy as a signed document, legally correct and complete.*

Wiersbe: *Only a person with bad character uses extra words to strengthen his yes or no.*

Our integrity draws attention to the character of God.

If child of God has little integrity, people get wrong view of God

2 Cor 1:18 *But as God is true...* Just like God would never say "yes" to you but really mean "No" we will not do that either...

2 Cor 1:19 Look at the character of Jesus Christ. He didn't say one thing and mean another.

If the reliability of his word is brought into question, then possibly people will bring into question the reliability of the gospel message concerning Christ ..

2 Cor 1:20 Every promise from God throughout the scriptures is valid.

Hughes: *To the believer, therefore, Christ is all, not merely as fulfilling a word of the past, but as Himself being the very living Word of God, faithful and eternal....*

2 Cor 1:20 *Amen:* so be it...I agree...that's right...verily, surely, this is trustworthy.

Hughes: "... the voice of faith, setting to its seal that God is true(Jn.3:33).

unto the glory of God by us: Regardless of the number of promises made to us by God, we have their confirmation in Christ.

2 Cor 1:21-22

Stablisheth: God confirms, stabilizes, places and settles us in a secure position or condition in Christ as being true or genuine;

Anointed: idea of contact; smear or rub with oil, consecrate to office or religious service: anoint. choose... commission

Moment I received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, He equipped me to serve by giving Holy Spirit. 1 Jn 2:20, 27

Sealed: To stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or Preservation. Eph 1:13 ; 4:30 Stamp of ownership

Earnest: down-payment of Spirit in our hearts. Pledge, token, promise, or assurance of something to come.

So What?

Be sure our "Yea" is "Yea" and "Nay" is "Nay"

Our purpose is not according to the flesh

Our integrity/character influences how others view God

At moment of salvation:

1. Stablished 2. Anointed 3. Sealed 4. Earnest of Holy Spirit given